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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2655

Application No.: 09/981,996

Examiner: M. SKED

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Docket No.: 110824

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING SPEECH RECOGNITION PROGRAM, AND SPEECH RECOGNITION APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 3, 2005, Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application.

Applicant thanks Examiners McFadden and Sked for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the November 1, 2005, personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,148,105 to Wakisaka et al. ("Wakisaka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,348 to Wymore ("Wymore"); and rejects claims 3, 6-8, 11, 14, 17-19, 22, 25, 28-30, 33, 35, 38 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wakisaka in view of Wymore in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,890,113 to Takagi ("Takagi"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.